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SUBJECT: GRENADIAN POSITION ON ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION

REF A) USUN 5842, B) USUN 5828; (C) USUN 5425

1. ON NOVEMBER 12, PRIME MINISTER E M GAIRY EXPLAINED TO ME BY TELEPHONE HIS SITUATION WHICH LED TO GOG VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION IN UNGA PLENARY ON NOVEMBER 10. GAIRY PREFACED HIS EXPLANATION BY INDICATING THAT GRENADA STANDS SOLIDLY BEHIND ISRAEL'S RIGHTS OF EXISTENCE AS A NATION, AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN. FURTHER, THAT GRENADA WOULD NOT BE A PARTY TO ANY ACT DESIGNED TO HARM ISRAEL (HIS WORDS).

2. CONTINUING, HE HAD ON THE PREVIOUS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 9) RECEIVED IMPLIED PROMISES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM THE
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ARAB BLOC, THROUGH A LETTER FROM SYRIA, IF HIS DELEGATION

VOTED AFFIRMATIVELY. THE SYRIANS HAD ALSO CONGRATULATED HIM ON APPOINTING A PERSON OF LEBANESE DESCENT(MOSES HAHOUS) TO THE GRENADIAN SENATE, AND REQUESTED THAT A MEMBER OF THE SYRIAN OR LEBANESE COLONY IN GRENADA BE GIVEN DIPLOMATIC STATUS AS A PRELUDE TO FORMAL RECOGNITION. SINCE HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY ECONOMIC OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, WHICH HE STILL REQUESTS, FROM EITHER US OR UK, GRENADA FEELS TAKEN FOR GRANTED, AND FELT NO OBLIGATION TO CONTINUE STANDING WITH ITS TRADITIONAL VOTING PARTNERS.. HE SAID THAT AN ARAB PROMISE WAS BETTER THAN NONE AT ALL. HE COMPLIMENTED NIGERIA AND VENEZUELA FOR THEIR PAST HELP TO GRENADA, AS CONTRASTED TO THE NEGLECT OF THE US AND UK.

3. IN ANSWER TO MY QUERY AS TO WHETHER US SHOULD EXPECT GOG TO FOLLOW A SIMILAR VOTING PATTERN ALONG ARAB LINES IN FUTURE UN ACTIONS, HE SAID NO, THAT EACH VOTE WOULD BE REGARDED, AS THIS ONE, IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT IT MEANS TO GRENADA AND HER NEEDS. HE ENDED BY STATING THAT GRENADA IS SOMEWHAT FED UP WITH "BEING TREADED UPON AS A SMALL CHILD."

4. HE PROMISED TO TRY AND KEEP US INFORMED IN THE FUTURE WHERE GRENADA HAS GIVEN AN IMPRESSION IN SUCH A MATTER. AND LATER CONTEMPLATES TAKING A CONTRARY COURSE OF ACTION.

5. I NOTED THAT PM GAIRY WAS CLEARLY FATIGUED AS HE TALKED, HAVING BEEN COMPLETELY INVOLVED IN ASSESSING AND DEALING WITH DAMAGE TO LIVESTOCK, PROPERTY AND DISLOCATION OF FAMILIES, FROM FLOODING CAUSED BY THE RECENT HEAVY RAINS. HIS TONE WAS NOT BITTER OR CAUSTIC, BUT MORE OF FRUSTRATION AND TIREDNESS.
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